

**POSITION:** Water and Sewer Maintainer I - Sewer Maintenance**DEPARTMENT:** Water- Sewer Maintenance**WORK SCHEDULE:** 7:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday. Hours may vary to include holidays and weekends.**SALARY RANGE:** \$10.8077 to \$14.8618 per hour **UNION GROUP:** Blue Collar**STATUS:** Regular Full-Time**OPENING DATE:** August 8, 2014**DEADLINE TO SUBMIT REQUIRED APPLICATION:** Until Filled

## WATER AND SEWER MAINTAINER I - SEWER MAINTENANCE

### Definition and Distinguishing Characteristics

This is semi-skilled work in the maintenance and construction of water lines and sanitary sewers. Work involves performing semi-skilled manual tasks, locating and repairing leaks in water lines and sewers, making taps into the lines, and constructing new extensions.

Work is performed in accordance with established routines and procedures with some very limited judgments being made by the employees based on experience. Major maintenance decisions or construction decisions are referred to a supervisor. The work requires knowledges that can be readily learned on the job. Employees do not exercise full supervisory responsibility, although they may direct Laborer I and II positions on certain projects. Work is reviewed primarily through on-site observation. Work involves some element of personal risk and unpleasant working conditions.

### Typical Examples of Work Performed

- Excavates with shovels, picks and other hand tools around water lines and sewer lines in order to expose problem area.
- Repairs water lines by using leak clamps or standard techniques and repairs broken sewers by replacing sections or patching.
- Makes water taps using tapping machines of various sizes, sets corporations, sets meters and hooks up to property owner's service line.
- Makes sewer taps using hammer and chisel to open hole in sewer pipe, sets new pipe into hole and recements hookup.
- Builds manholes, unstops sewer lines, repairs leaks in fire hydrants, cleans out drain plugs of fire hydrants and extends or raises hydrants.
- May operate dump trucks and small backhoe and front-end loading equipment as required.
- Operates high pressure sewer cleaning equipment, operates sewer rodding machines, may manually dig out manholes to unstop sewers.
- May be required to enter a hazardous environment using appropriate safety equipment.
- May be required to wear and use a respirator.
- May drive City vehicles.
- Performs related work as required.

### Knowledges, Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of the methods, materials, equipment and techniques used in water line and sewer line extensions.
- Knowledge of the various repair methods for water lines and sanitary sewers.
- Working knowledge of occupational hazards involved in below-ground utility construction and maintenance.
- Skill in the use of various types of tapping machines used in making taps in water lines under pressure.
- Skill in the use of hand tools involved in water line and sewer maintenance and construction.
- Ability to wear and use a respirator.
- Ability to do hard manual labor, sometimes under unfavorable weather conditions.
- Ability to follow instructions.
- Ability to drive City vehicles safely and efficiently.
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with fellow employees and the general public.

### Minimum Requirements of Education and Experience

- Graduation from a standard senior or vocational high school or the equivalent.
- One year's experience in water or sewer maintenance at the level of a Laborer II or above.

### Necessary Special Qualifications

- Must possess and maintain a valid Class B driver's license issued by the State of New Mexico**, have a satisfactory driving record, and be insurable by the City's insurance carrier.
- Must possess, or acquire within one (1) year from date of hire, and maintain a Level I Wastewater Facilities Operator's certificate and/or Collections System I certificate issued by the State of New Mexico.

### Other Necessary Requirements

- Must pass a post-offer pre-employment drug screen administered by a City-designated facility.
- Must pass a post-offer pre-employment limited physical given by a City-designated physician.
- Must provide proof of, or obtain within 30 days, immunization against tetanus and diphtheria. If immunized for these over 10 years ago, must have proof of, or obtain, a booster.

### Desirable Special Qualification

- Possess and maintain a Level IV Wastewater Facilities Operator's certificate or Collections System II certificate issued by the State of New Mexico.

**IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT AT  
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